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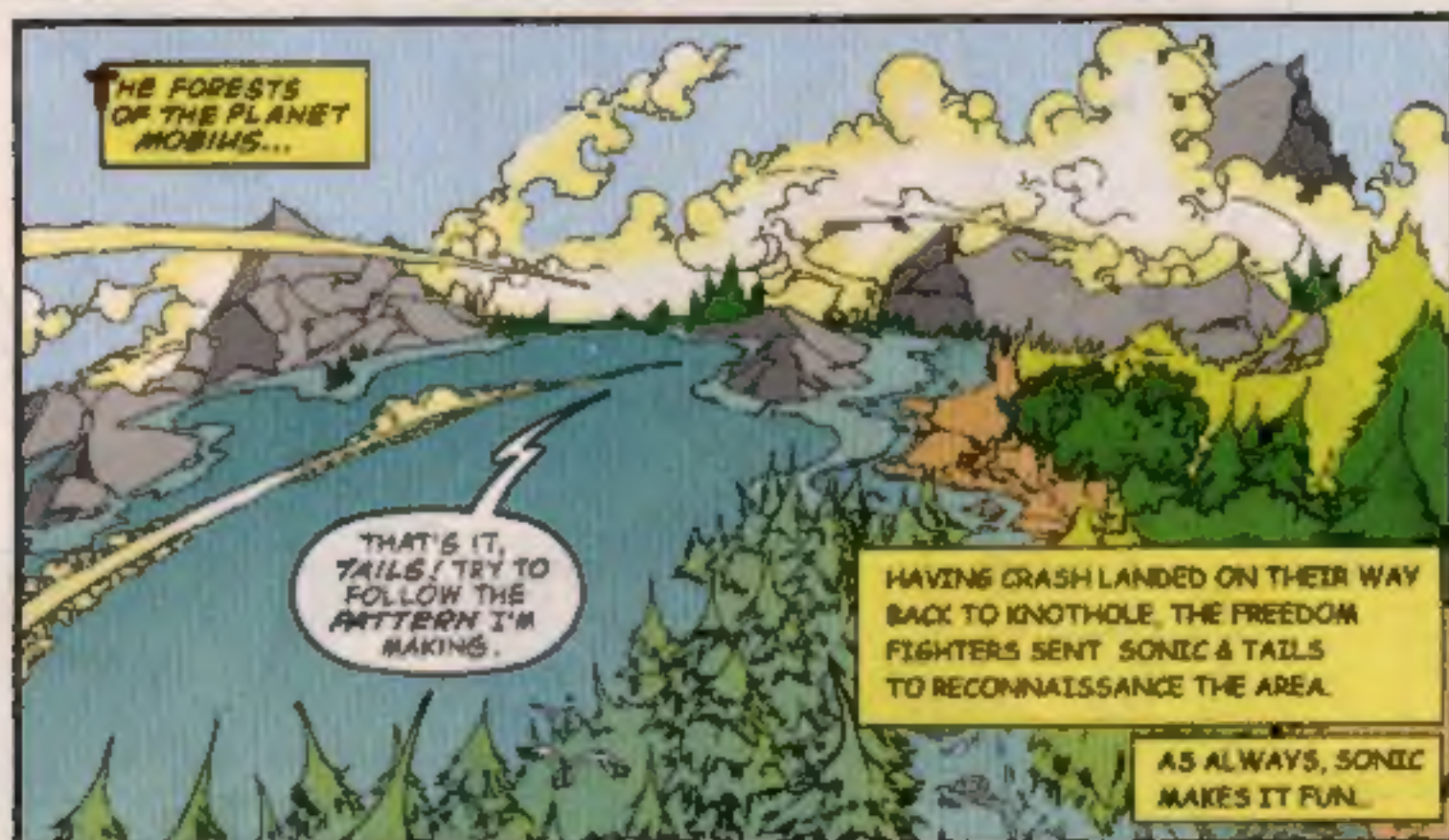
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DIDN'T I BEAT YOU  
LAST MONTH?!

NOT EXACTLY!!

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TAILS! YOU'VE GOT  
IT NOW!  
YOU'LL BE ABLE  
TO FOLLOW ANYBODY  
ANYWHERE!

AN, LOOK AT THEM, SO  
CHEERFUL AND OPTIMISTIC.  
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG  
AND HIS SIDEKICK TAILS,  
THE FLYING FOX.

IT'S TOUCHING  
TO SEE THIS DISPLAY  
OF FRIENDSHIP...

SO TOUCHING TO SEE  
THOSE I HATE ENJOYING  
THEMSELVES...

BECAUSE I KNOW THAT  
I WILL SOON TURN THEIR  
JOY TO TERROR!

**HEART OF THE  
HEDGEHOG**

part 1

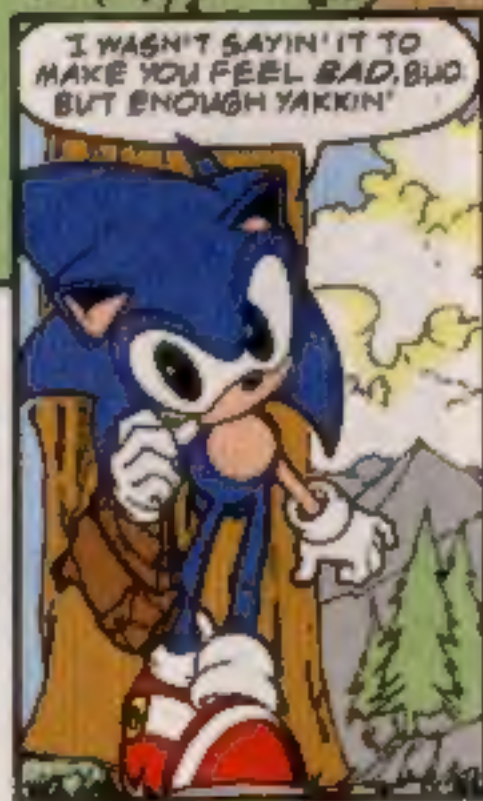
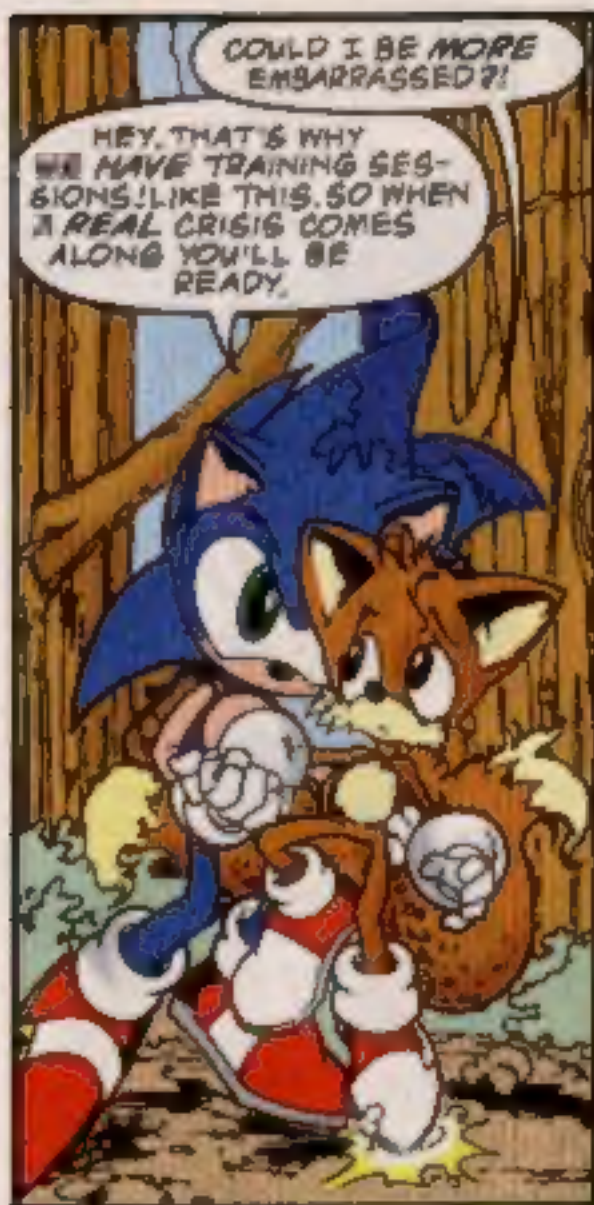
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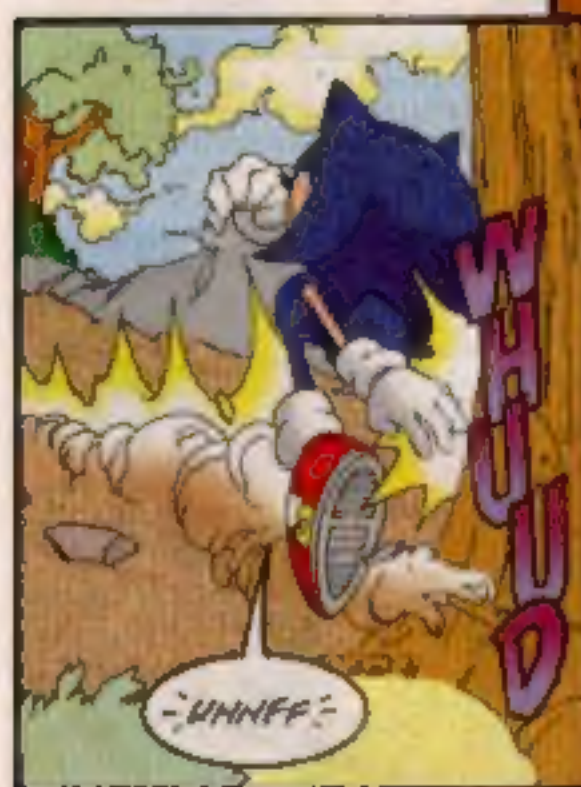
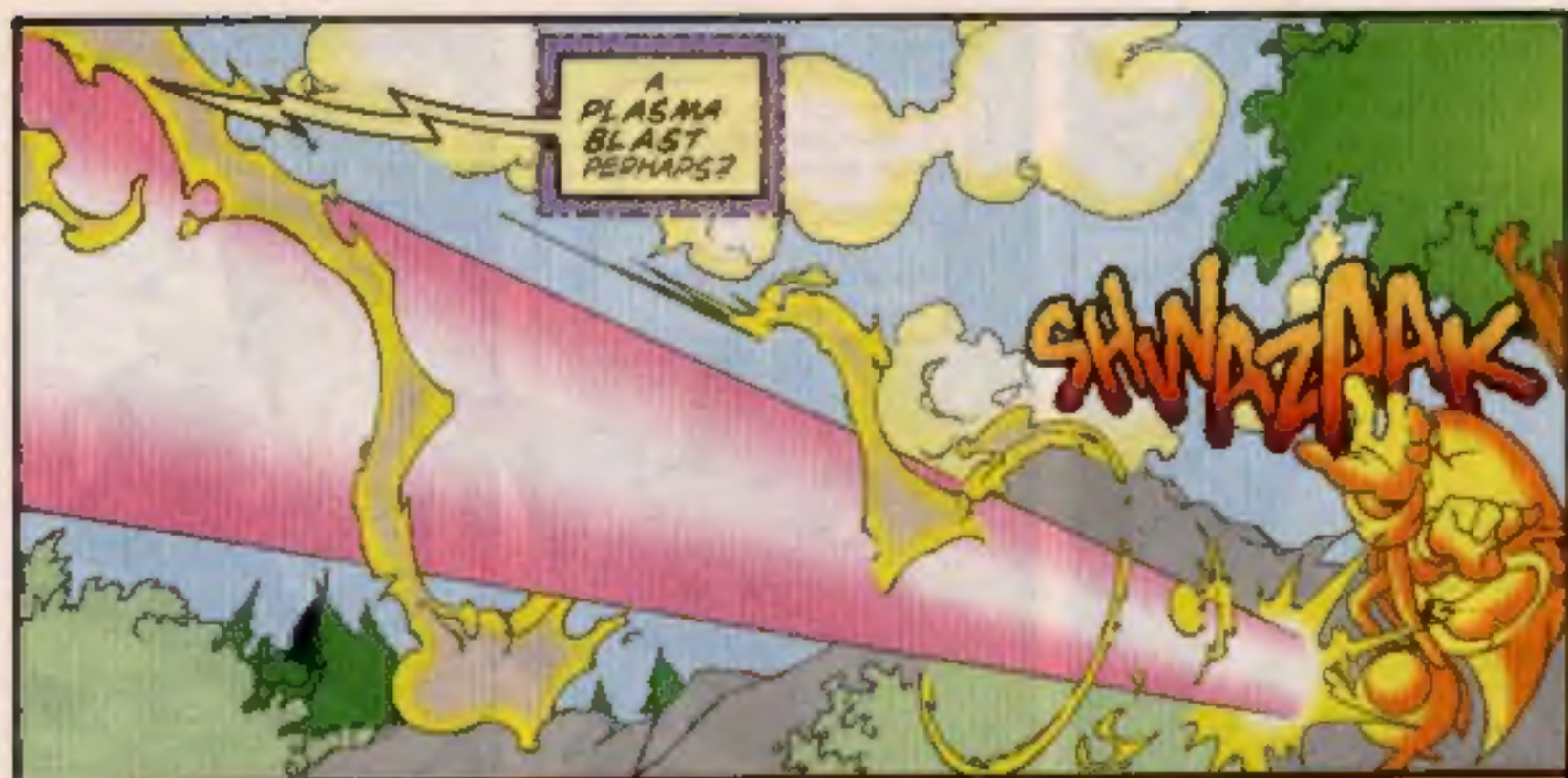




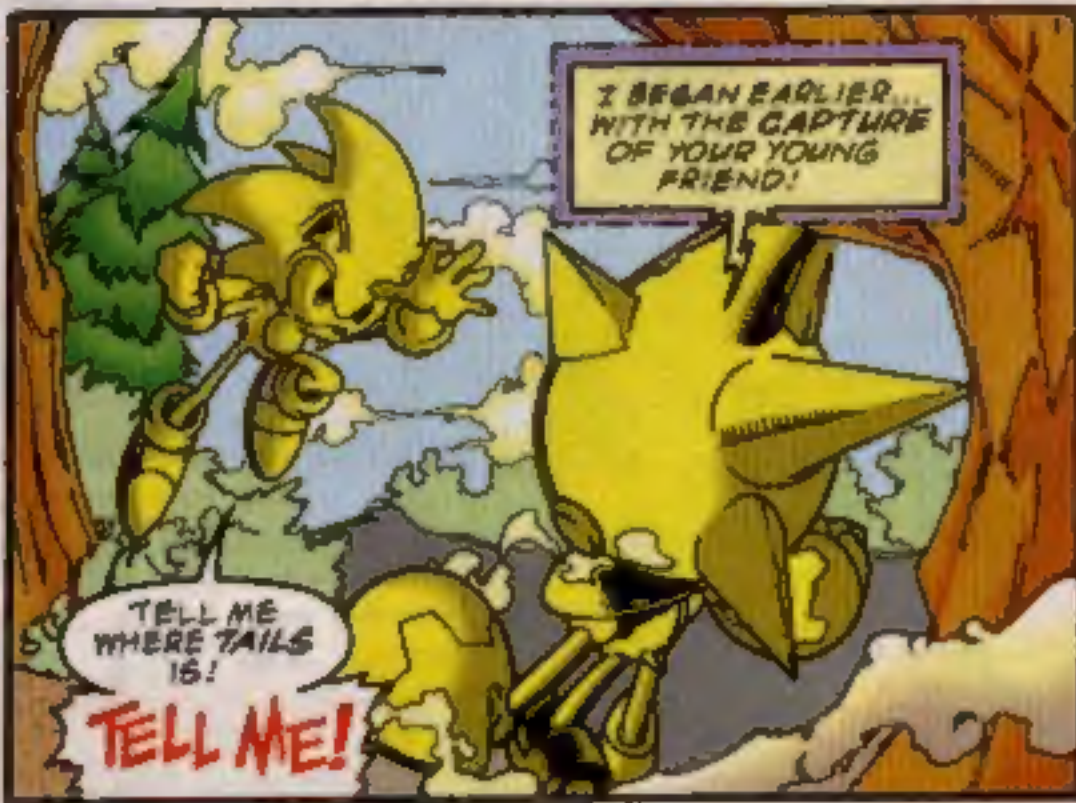




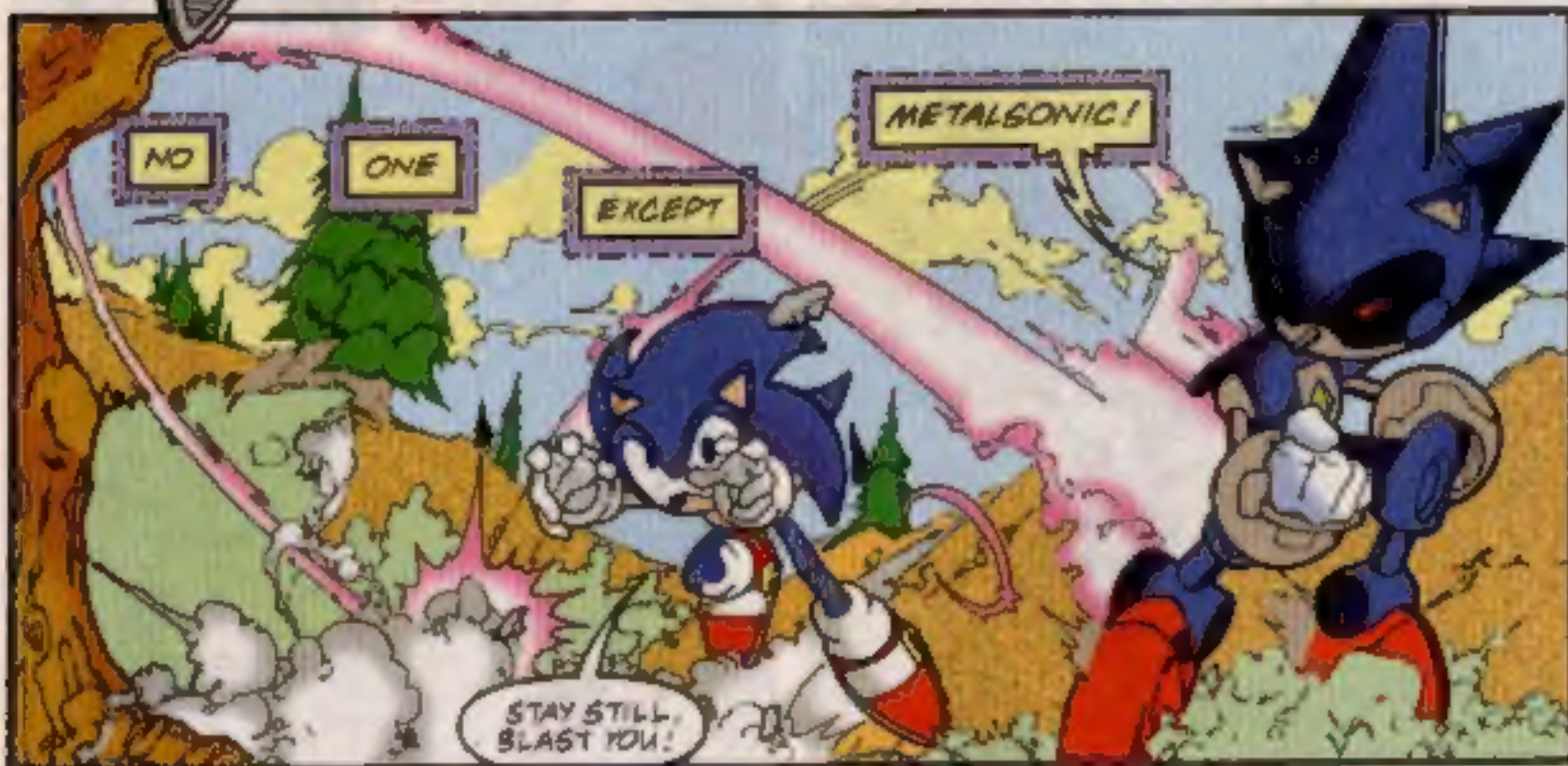
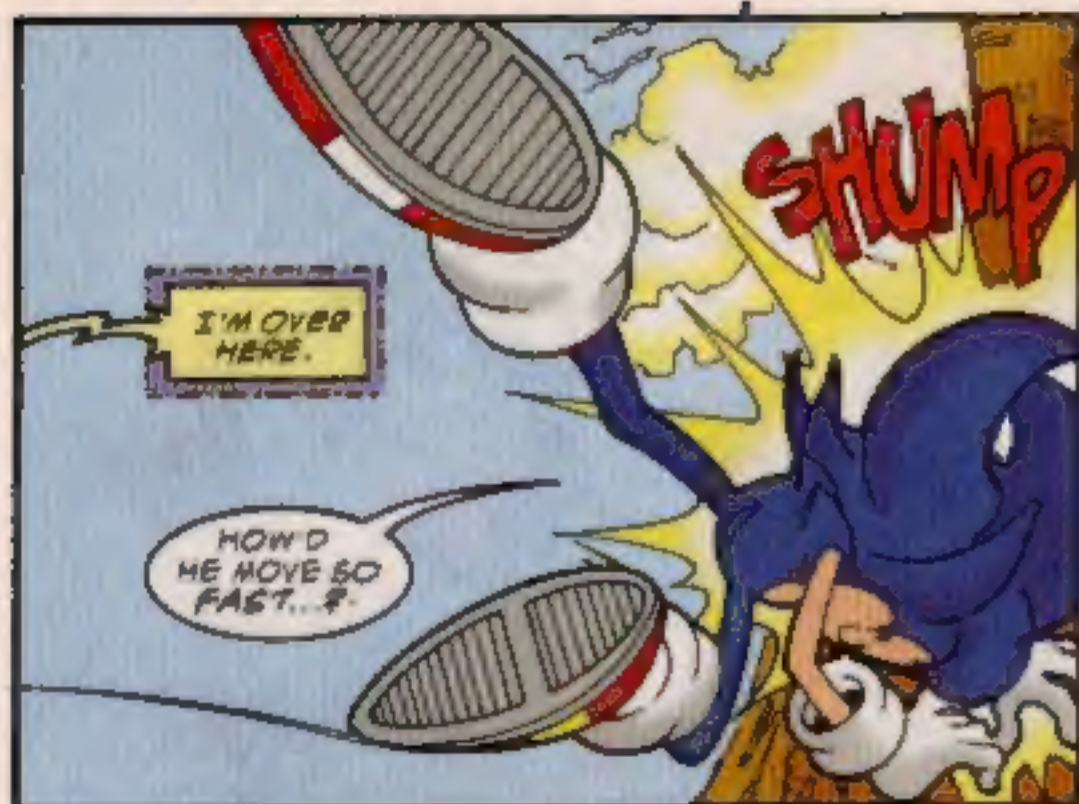




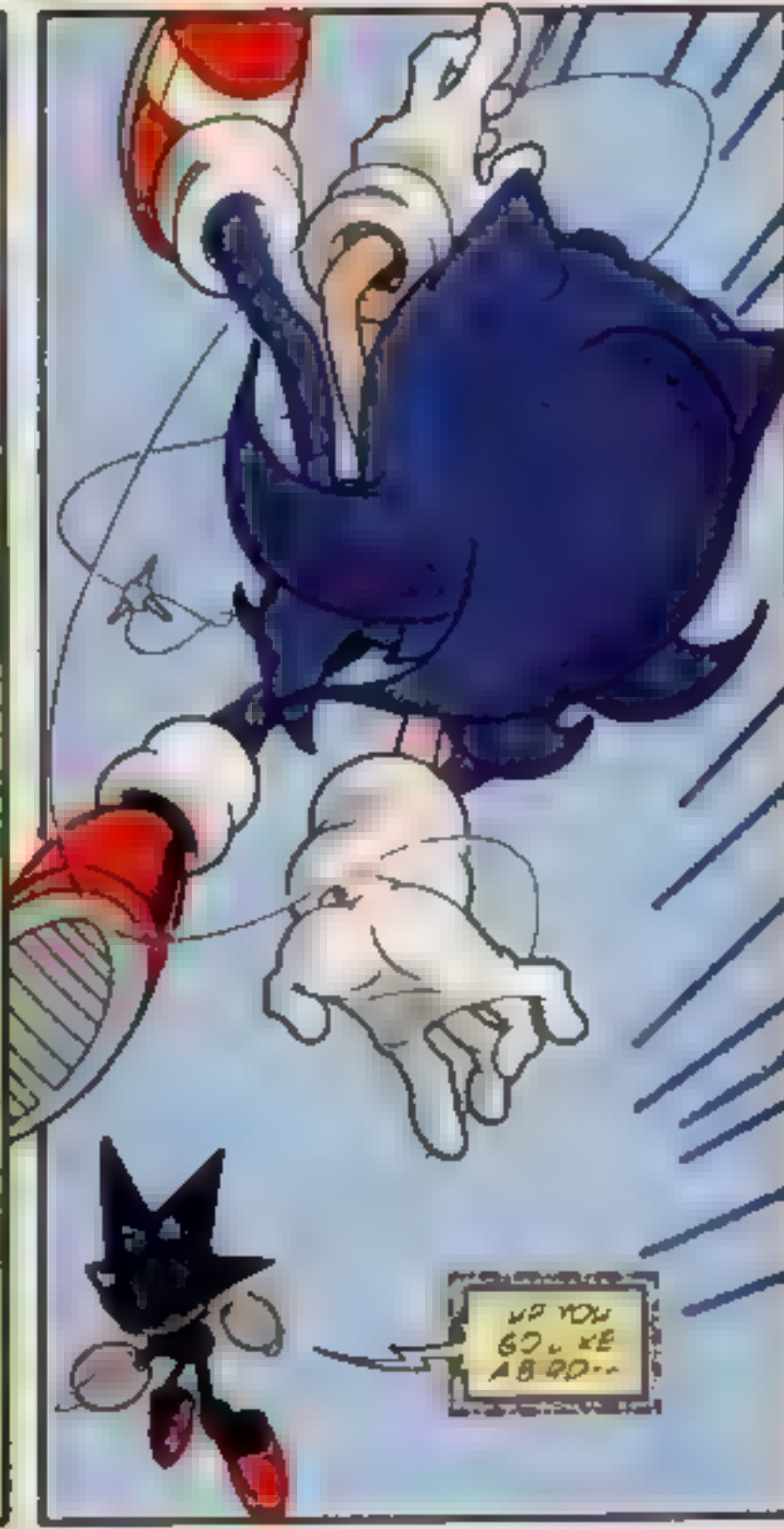
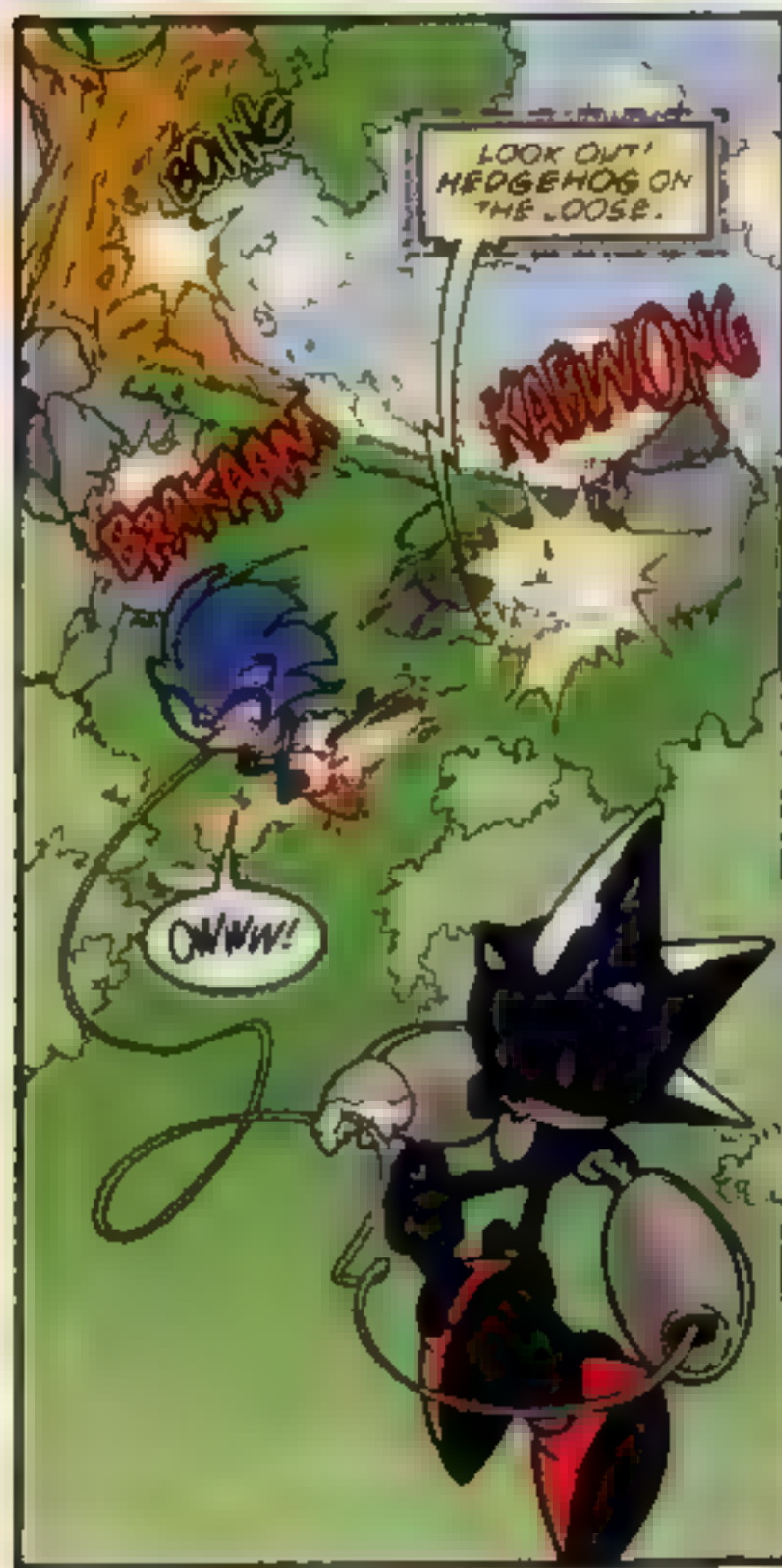
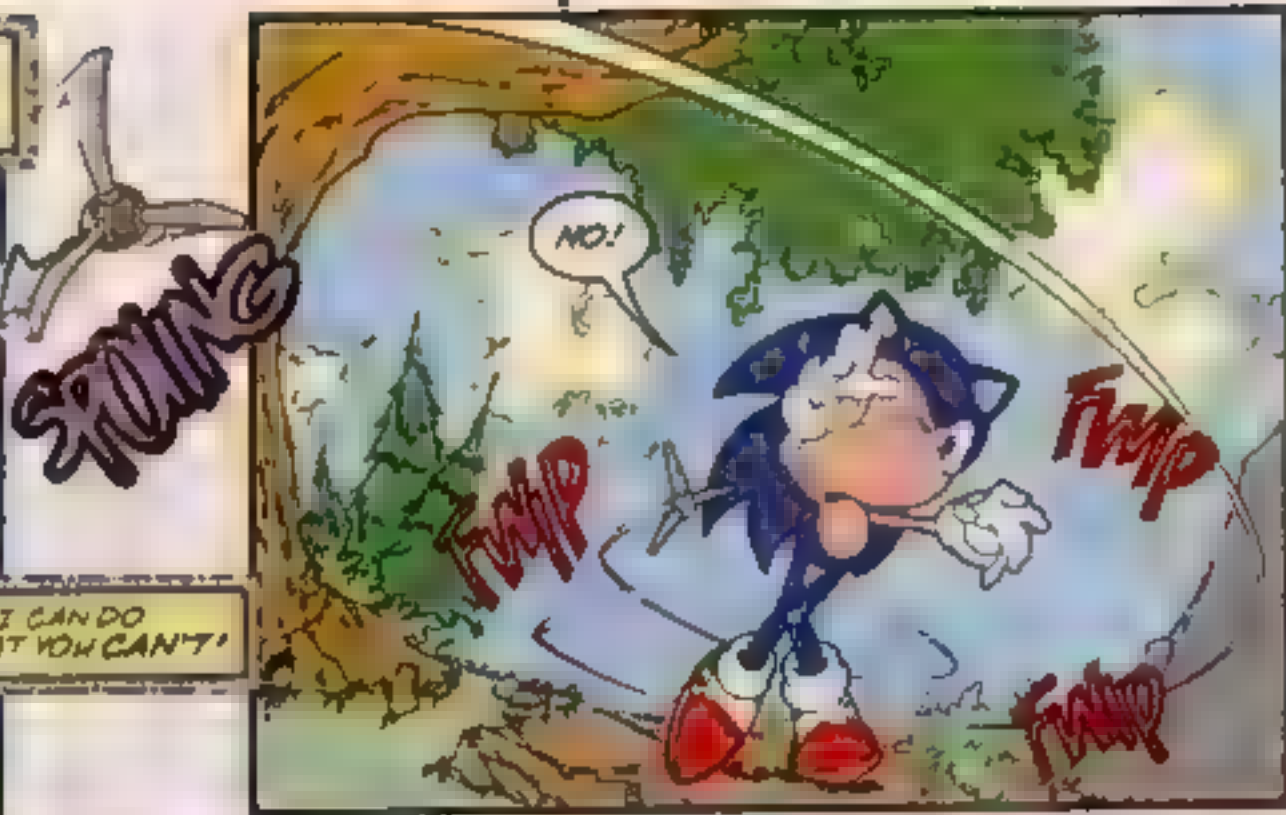
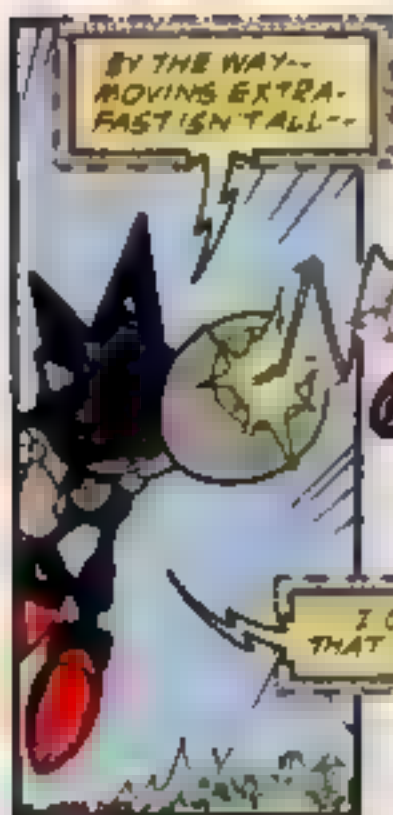




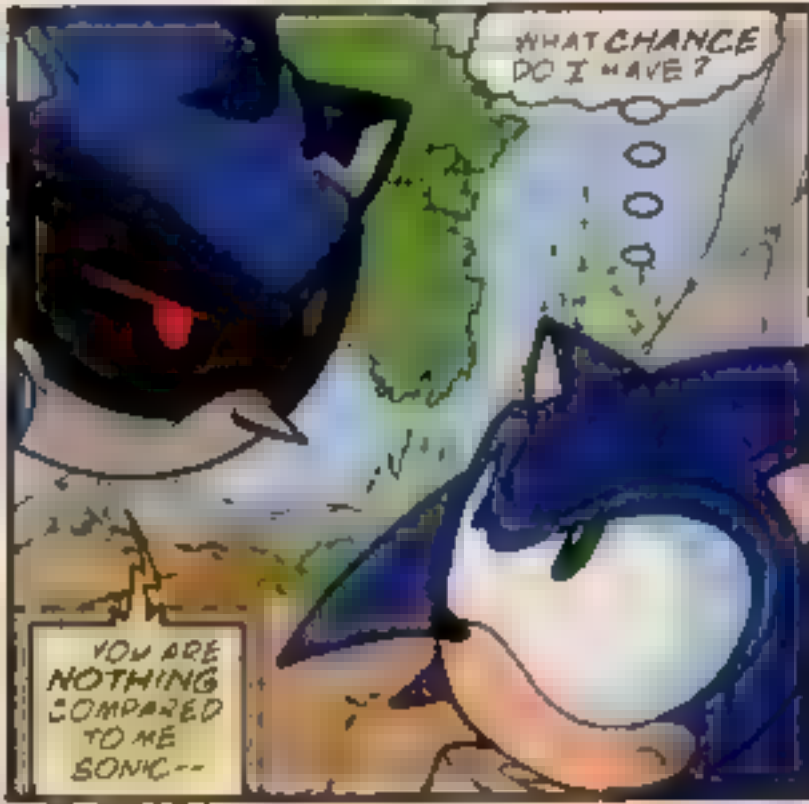
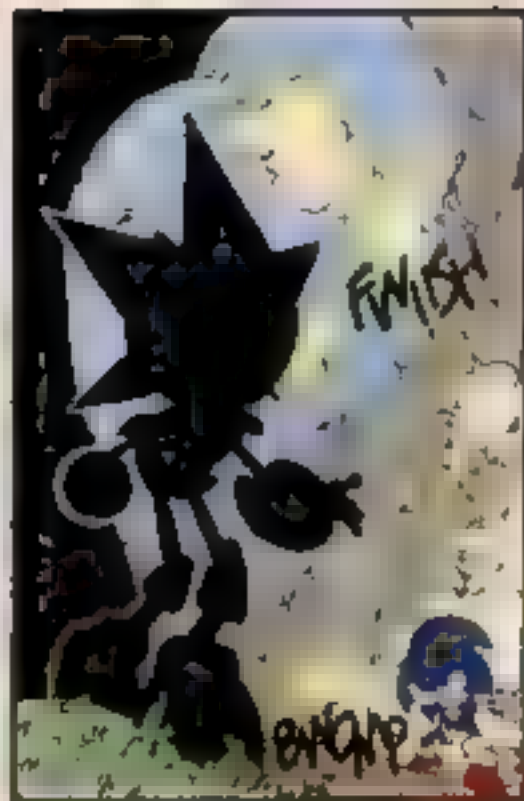




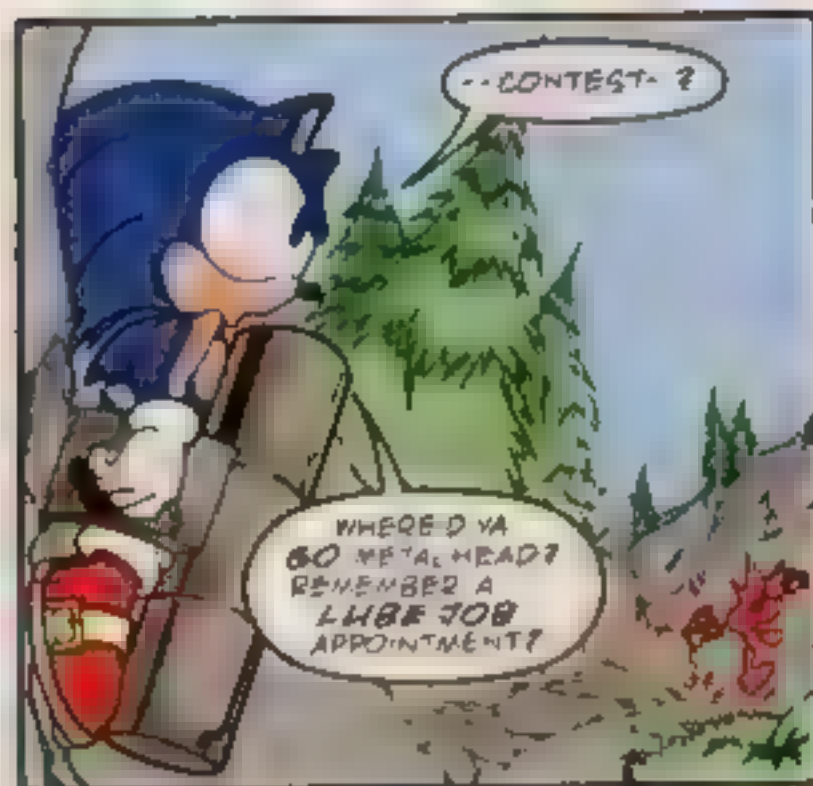
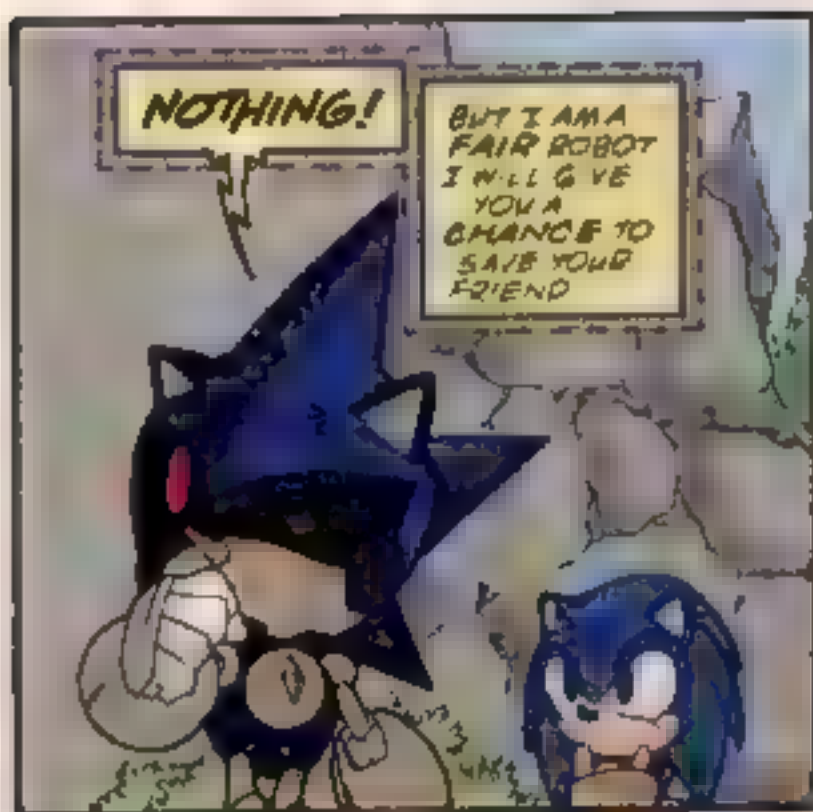




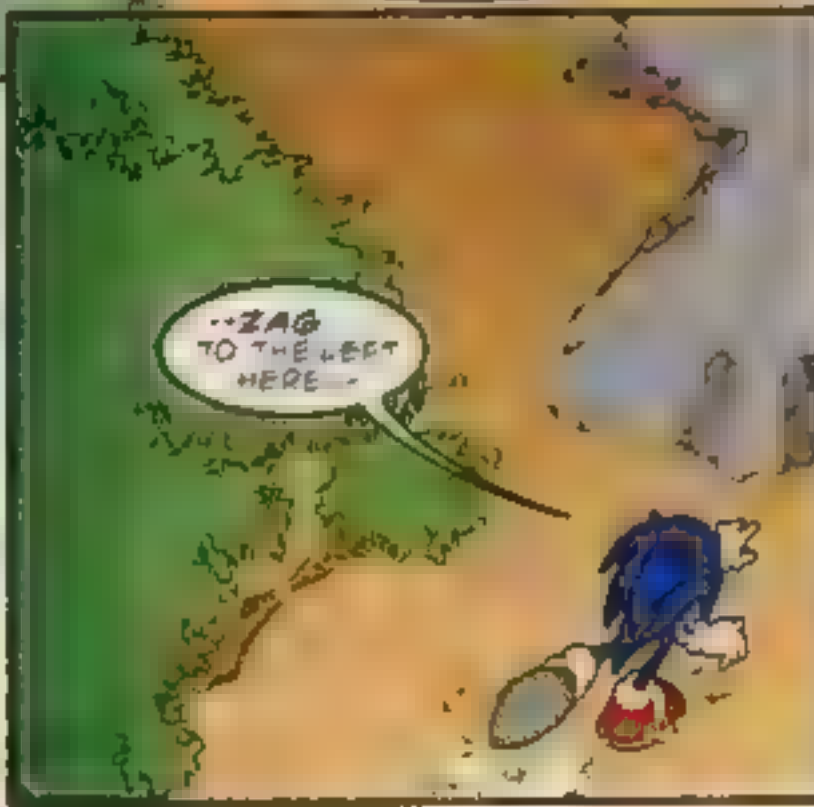
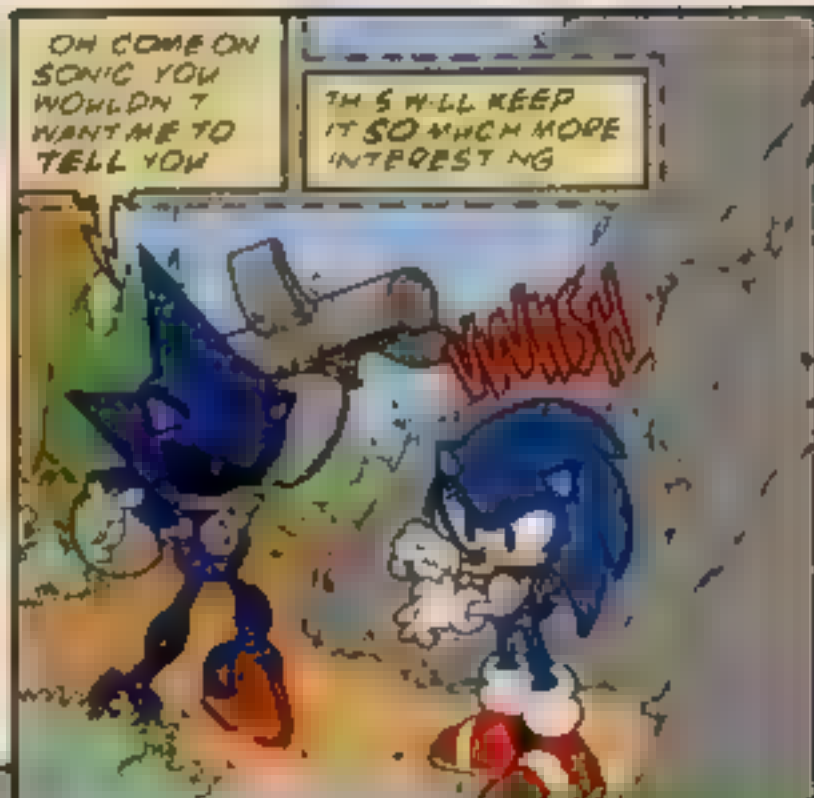




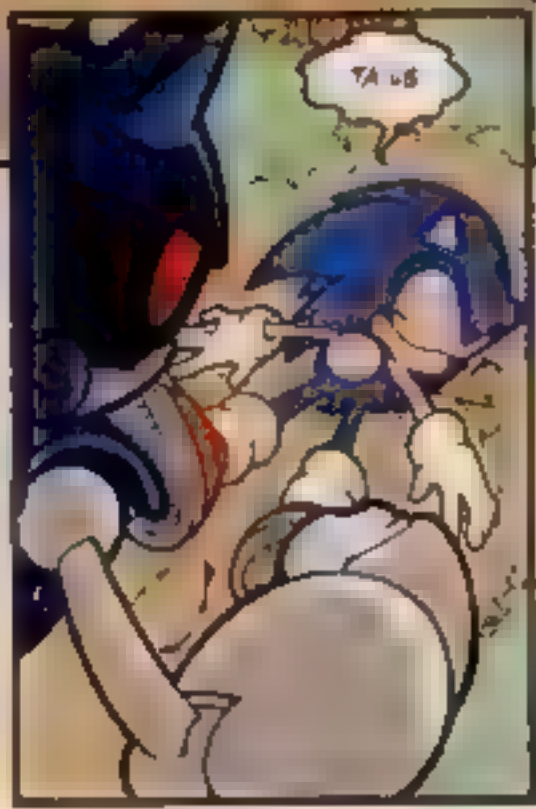
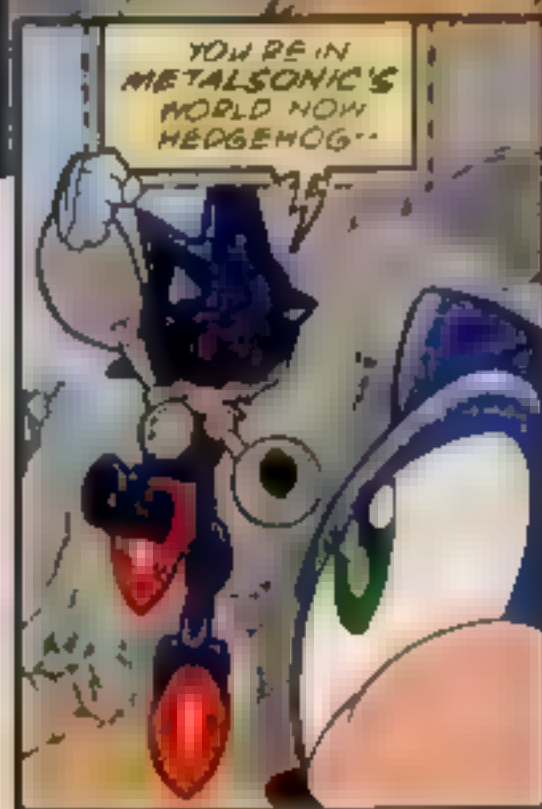
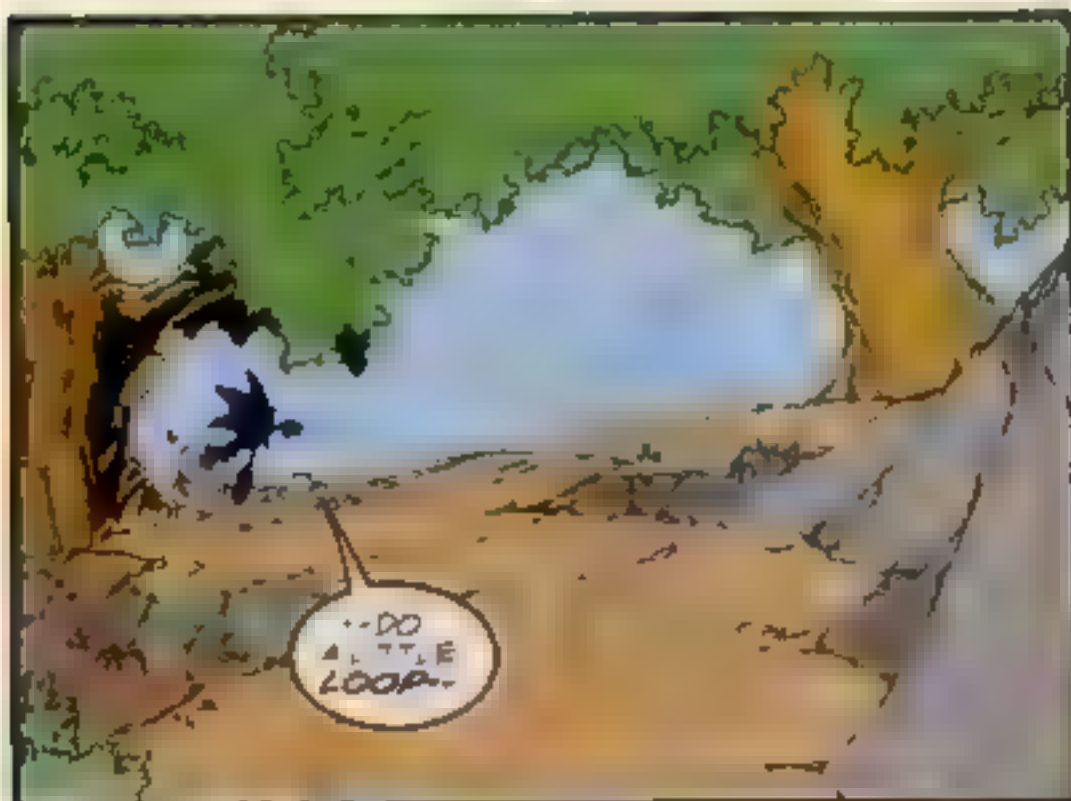














HORT MINUTES  
LATER, A LONE  
FIGURE SPEEDS  
UP THE SIDE OF  
MT ROBINS

HAPPY  
INHUMAN  
METALOID

START  
SAYING YOUR  
GOODBYES,  
TALKS YOUR  
FRIEND LET  
YOU DOWN.

NO! I CAN'T  
--I'LL NEVER--  
BELIEVE THAT!

SONIC'S GONNA  
GET HERE HE'S  
GONNA SAVE  
ME

AND THEN THE TWO OF  
US ARE GONNA KICK YOUR  
CHROME BUTT FROM HERE TO  
THE SOUTHERN THUNDRA!

I LOVE A  
FLESHLING  
WITH A  
SENSE OF  
HUMOR

CONTINUED  
NEXT ISSUE IN  
LAVA STORY



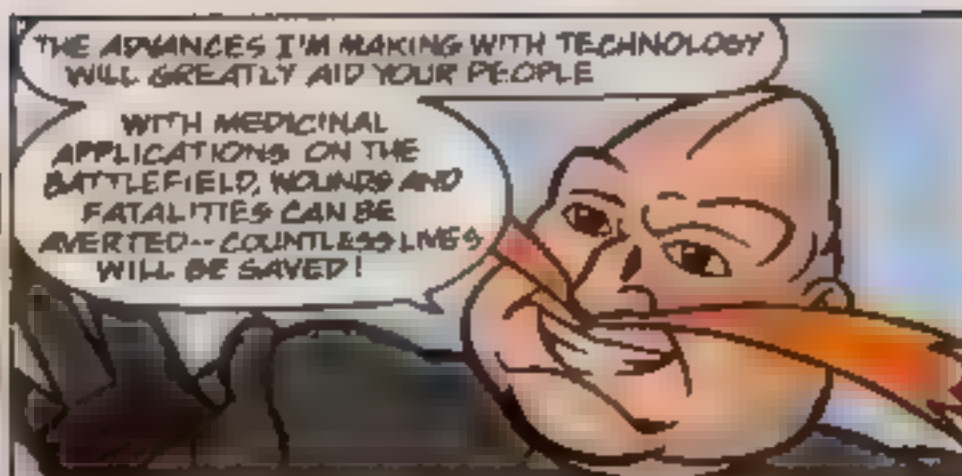
# TEN YEARS AGO...

IN DAYS LONG PAST, ROBOTROPOLIS FACED CONFLICT FROM OUTSIDE ~~AND FROM WITHIN~~ TO KING MAX, ONE FROM WITHIN AS WELL.



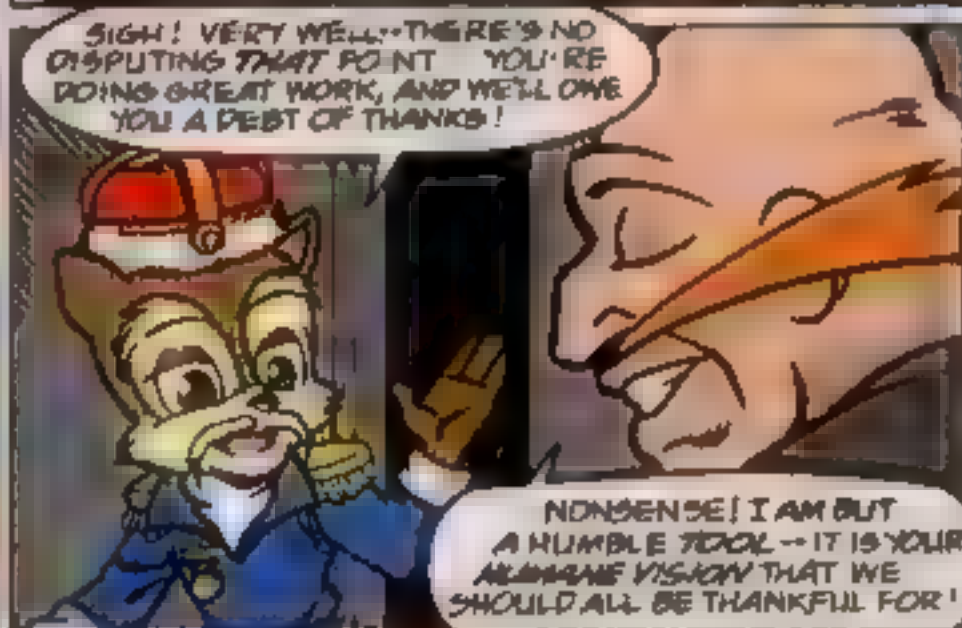
THIS RELENTLESS SCHEDULE YOU'VE SET FOR YOURSELF MUST BE BACKBREAKING, JULIAN! WHY NOT CUT BACK A LITTLE?

WITH THE WAR RAGING ON, THERE'S NO TIME TO BLACK OFF, YOUR HIGHNESS!



THE ADVANCES I'M MAKING WITH TECHNOLOGY WILL GREATLY AID YOUR PEOPLE

WITH MEDICINAL APPLICATIONS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, WOUNDS AND FATALITIES CAN BE AVERTED-- COUNTLESS LIVES WILL BE SAVED!



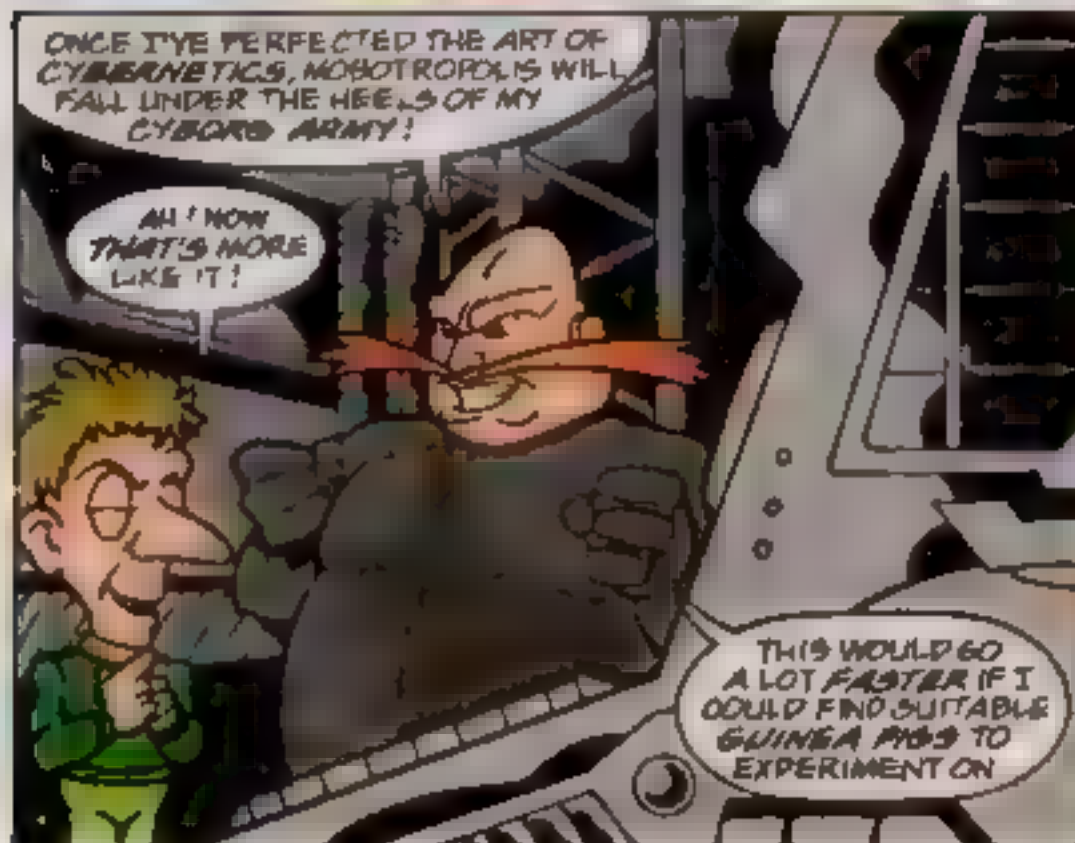
SIGH! VERY WELL--THERE'S NO DISPUTING THAT POINT YOU'RE DOING GREAT WORK, AND WE'LL OWE YOU A DEBT OF THANKS!

NONSENSE! I AM BUT A HUMBLE TOOL--IT IS YOUR ALMIGHTY VISION THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE THANKFUL FOR!



FEH! THAT WAS DISGUSTING! HOW COULD YOU SLICK UP LIKE THAT? I'M EMBARRASSED TO CALL YOU MY UNCLE!

SNIVELY, YOU IDIOT! WOULD YOU RATHER THAT LITTLE RODENT KNOW WHAT I'M REALLY UP TO?



ONCE I'VE PERFECTED THE ART OF CYBERNETICS, ROBOTROPOLIS WILL FALL UNDER THE HEELS OF MY CYBORG ARMY!

AH! NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

THIS WOULD GO A LOT FASTER IF I COULD FIND SUITABLE GUINEA PIGS TO EXPERIMENT ON



USING THE LOCALS WOULD GIVE AWAY MY PLAN. IF ONLY THERE WERE HABITANTS IN THE OUTER REACHES OF THE KINGDOM...



THE OUTER REACHES OF THE KINGDOM--

--NAMEDLY A SMALL IMMIGRANT  
SETTLEMENT NAMED AELING  
WHERE THE MONKEYS  
ARE RESTLESS..

# MONKEY KHAN AGAINST THE WANTED PAST

HEY! NO FAIR,  
KEN--TACKLING  
IS AGAINST THE  
RULES!!

SEE WHO?  
I MADE THE RULES UP  
SO I CAN BREAK 'EM  
IF I WANT!  
YOU'RE LUCKY THAT'S  
THE ONLY THING I'M  
BREAKING!

FRANK STEIN  
WILLIAMSON  
HARVEY  
VICKIE WILLIAMS  
LETTER  
FRANK DAVID LARDO  
COLONY  
J.P. GARDNER  
WAX HERE

LOOK  
OUT 'KEN'S  
GONE  
PSYCHO  
AGAIN!!

KEN KHAN!  
HAVEN'T I SCOLDED  
YOU BEFORE FOR SUCH  
RECKLESSNESS?

BUT, FATHER-- WE WERE  
ONLY PLAYING...!

WE NEARLY  
BROKE MY BACK,  
LORD LAU.

PLAYING  
WITH KEN IS  
HAZARDOUS  
TO YOUR  
HEALTH!



A. 'YAH' I AM LALI KHAN, RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER--HOW DOES IT SERVE THE PEOPLE THAT MY OWN SON IS SO AGGRESSIVE...SO VIOLENT?

BUT FATHER, I LIKE TO FIGHT... AND I'M GOOD AT IT!

LEUNG WEST IS A COMMUNITY OF PACIFISTS, ARTISANS, AND INTELLECTUALS-- FIGHTING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR.

AND IF WE ARE EVER FACED WITH THE EVENT OF WAR, WHAT THEN? HOW WILL WE DEFEND OURSELVES WITHOUT FIGHTING?

KEN THERE IS NO CONFLICT THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND REASON!

THAT IS WHY WE ANNOUNCED OUR NEUTRALITY TO THE WAR BETWEEN THE OVERLANDERS AND THE KINGDOM OF ACORN!

I DO HATE TO CONTRADICT YOUR BELIEFS, LALI KHAN, BUT IF YOU HONESTLY BUY THAT, YOU'RE LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE.

NOW LET'S ALL BE GOOD GUINEA PIGS AND FORM AN ORDERLY LINE--!

FATHER...?!



EVENTUALLY...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND--  
MY THEORIES OF CYBERNETICS  
WERE SOUND ENOUGH...

... AND YET THESE  
MONKEY BOYS' BODIES KEEP  
REJECTING MY CYBORG  
IMPLANTS!

NONE OF THEM  
WAS STRONG ENOUGH  
TO ADAPT...

.. NONE BUT YOU, THAT IS,  
YOUNG KEN KHAN-- MOB JS'S  
FIRST CYBORG!

HERE I WANTED AN ARMY  
OF CYBER SOLDIERS, AND INSTEAD  
I GET ONE CHIMP WITH A BIG  
STICK! I'LL BE THE LAUGHING  
STOCK OF MOBOTROPOLIS IF  
THIS EVER LEAKED OUT!

STILL, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO  
GIVE YOU A ROAD TEST BEFORE  
I GIVE UP ON THIS IDEA

I WONDER WHAT  
SORT OF MILEAGE  
YOU GET..?

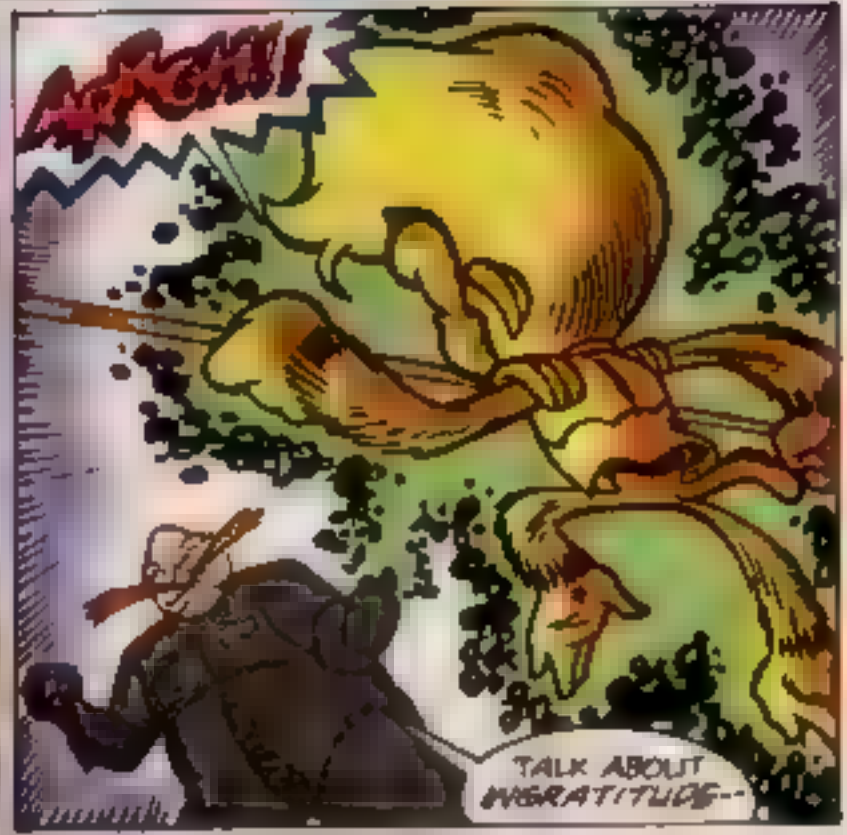
PERIMETER SECURITY  
CHECKS OUT, SARGE--  
NOTH NG OUT OF THE  
ORDINARY

NO SURPR SE  
THERE BRIGGS,  
THOSE MANGY  
AN MALS AREN'T  
STUPID ENOUGH  
TO...

HEADS UP,  
TROOPS! WE'VE GOT  
A BOGEY COMIN'  
IN FAST!

WHAT--  
ONLY ONE?  
THAT'S  
NUTS!









--THE VILE LITTLE  
MISANTHROPE WOULD  
STILL BE PEELING  
BANANAS IF NOT  
FOR ME!

DRATS AND DOUBLE-DRATS!  
THIS WHOLE CYBURG VENTURE IS A  
TOTAL DISASTER! WHAT GOOD IS  
THIS AWESOME TECHNOLOGY IF I  
CAN'T CONTROL IT?

SIGH! I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE  
A WAY TO PERMANENTLY CONFINED  
THIS MONKEY CHARACTER. THE LAST  
THING I NEED IS HIM COMING BACK  
TO HAUNT ME...

AS THE STORY GOES, ROBOTNIK DID MANAGE TO CONFINED HIS  
CREATION, THOUGH NOT PERMANENTLY. MANY YEARS LATER,  
MONKEY KHAN WAS SET FREE! AND HE RETURNED TO HIS  
ANCESTRAL HOMETOWN, KAR LEUNG.

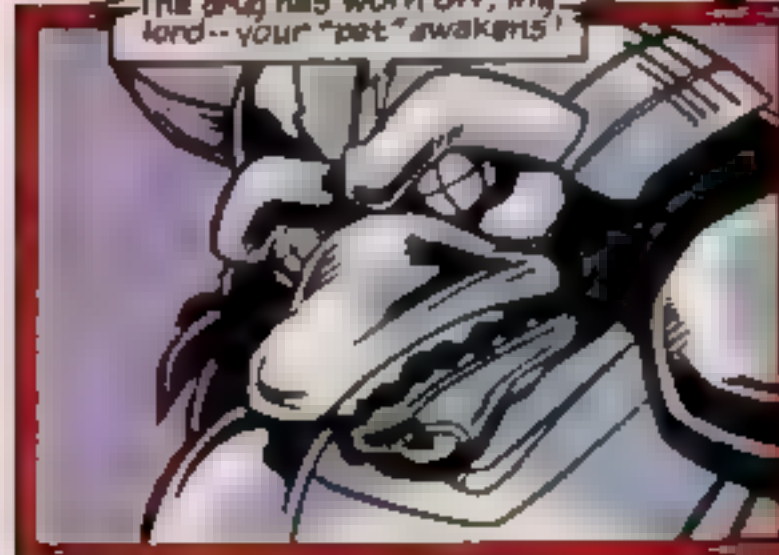
--WHERE HIS RESTLESS SOUL FOUND  
PEACE. AT LEAST UNTIL NOW...



ORDAN  
WHAT  
HAPPENED...?

WHERE  
AM I...?  
WHO...?

The drug has worn off, my  
lord-- your "pet" awakens!



EXCELLENT!  
I WAS STARTING TO GROW  
IMPATIENT

WELL, WELL,  
WELL! AT LAST  
WE MEET AGAIN  
MONKEY-BOY!

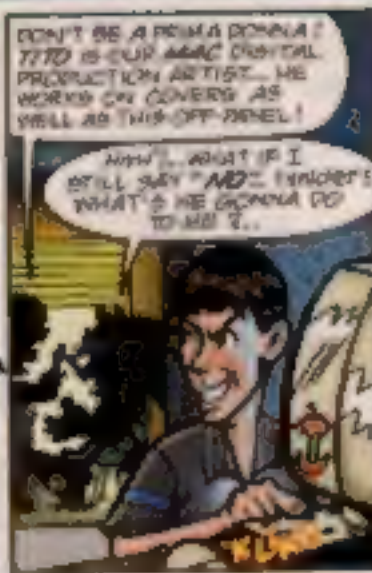
IT'S BEEN  
QUITE A WHILE...  
I HOPE YOU  
RECOGNIZE ME

ROBOTNIK!  
YOU'RE--YOU'RE  
**ALIVE!?!**

TO BE CONTINUED



# SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

**THIS JUST IN!**

J.F. GABRIE  
ILLUSTRATION

Continuing in the tradition of the old "Adventures of Scott & Paul" strips that used to grace the pages of Sonic-Grams, we introduce Archie employee, Tito (a.k.a. Rosario Pena). As the strip above mentions, he colors all the Archie-related covers. A complete sound effects master with verbal knowledge of almost every spoken line from The Simpsons cartoon, Tito's chaotic mind brings order to the world of cover color separations. You'll see more strips from time to time that will spotlight some of my other co-workers. Say "Hi!" to him next time you write in. Now I have to give you another reason to write in. How about this: Off-Panel has been a regular in Sonic-Grams for about twenty-five or so issues, so tell us what you really think of it. Please... be merciful.

Catch you on the flip side!

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## Footnote References:

### Heart of the Hedgehog, Part One

- 1) See Sonic Adventure adaptations and De-ins.
- 2) See SONIC #25.
- 3) KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX #1.
- 4) Also KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX #1.

### Against A Haunted Past, Part One

- 1) In SONIC #55.

The official comic adaptation of Sega Dreamcast's "SONIC ADVENTURE" officially ended last month, but your letters just keep coming. Here are some interesting comments on issue #80:

To Sonic and Co.,

Gotta say that SONIC #80 was best, guys. I think FRY's artwork kicks major-league tail! He's a great addition to the team. In the second story, I'm with Knux. The Brotherhood should've helped Sally, but right now it's a little late for should've. I love Amy Rose's new look from the "SONIC ADVENTURE" game and I love the new characters in the book. My sister and I want Tails to get his own title. We also want to see more of the Downunda Freedom Fighters sooner or later (we know you're busy with the Dreamcast De-ins, so we'll wait).

Aura "Amy Rose" Vogler Cage  
(age 14)  
Mayflower, AR

**FRY appreciates your enthusiasm regarding his artwork. Aural!**

Dear Sonic,

When are you going to ask Sally to marry you? I was also wondering if you could put your show on the Cartoon Network.

Ethan  
Jersey Shore, PA

We know that Sonic is sixteen years old, but don't you think he's a little young to be popping the question to Sally, Ethan? There are no plans (as far as we know) for a syndicated Cartoon Network SONIC show.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just finished reading SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80. Keep up the good work! It's amazing how this comic went from mostly comedy to a serious storyline. I have a few questions: 1) Did Amy's mind mature along with her body? 2) When is

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next issue: Will our fearless hero save Tails in time before he becomes volcano-crispy and fried? Will the blue blur be able to defeat Metal Sonic to do it? Only one of these can be answered with a yes. Read next month's issue to find out. By Fingerioth, Maxwell and Amash. Also, check out the conclusion to Monkey Khan as he confronts the new Robotnik and his new plans for our simian friend. By Strom and Harvo.

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Rotor coming back to Knothole? 3) When will Hershey make another appearance in a story? See ya next issue!

Isiah Jerome Jack  
(age 19)  
Kansas City, MO

We take our comedy very seriously around here, Isiah! On to your questions: 1) Not by any means, and she (as well as her friends) will soon realize that big fact. 2) Rotor should return any day now. What'd you think of his solo story, "Home and Back," last issue? 3) Expect Hershey to show up in SONIC #80. If you can't wait 'til then, check out her solo story in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11 if you didn't already!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Great job on SONIC #80! I loved this issue's "Off-Panel." Now, on to the questions: 1) I'm confused, isn't the "Hidden City of the Ancients" a green, lush paradise? 2) How old is Amy Rose now? 3) What are those creatures on page six of "Landfall"? 4) What did Knuckles mean when he said, "We could've avoided all of this, you know? If you guys had only helped Princess Sally when she came to us..." 5) Finally, on page three of "Swallowing Trouble", what happened when Froggy drank the water?

Giancarlo Agued  
(age 11)  
Ontario, CAN

1) Think of Station Square (or the "Hidden City," as it was called in Mobian legend) as an urban metropolis surrounded by a lush, green paradise. Giancarlo. 2) Amy Rose is now twelve years old. 3) Those mysterious creatures were the Cat People. 4) Princess Sally asked for help from Knuckles' family against Dr. Robotnik in Knuckles #29, and they said no. 5) After drinking the water, Froggy suddenly grew a tail he didn't have before.

Dear Archie Comics,

I'd like to say that I love your comic and that the artwork in it is great! I can't wait to see what happens to Amy Rose. Actually, I think I already know (I bet she gets older). Keep up the good work and say "Hi" to Sonic, Spaz, and FRY for me. Sonic is cool and Spaz and FRY draw great! Natalie "Luna Silverwolf" Andros  
Derby, CT

By now, Natalie, you know that your prediction about Amy was one-hundred percent correct.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Hi! I think Patrick Harrington's idea to have Tails meet up with Fiona Fox again is great. Maybe you could have it happen in a new TAILS mini-series, because the first two were great! And I think that the Dreamcast De-ins with Big the Cat and Froggy is an awesome idea. Oh, yes-- great job by Spaz, Harvo, and Chris Cowgill on beating and translating the Japanese version of "SONIC ADVENTURE." I'll also take a look at Spaz's work in Gamelan Magazine. Keep on juicin'!

Jamey Wyman-Blackburn  
(age 13)  
Pleasant Valley, CT

Does anyone else agree with Jamey that Tails and Fiona should hook up in an all-new mini-series? If you agree, send those letters by e-mail if you've got it, and snail mail if you don't!

Thanks for all your letters regarding "SONIC ADVENTURE". See you in thirty when we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #81! Until then...

**KEEP ON JUICIN'!**

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# FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Due to the overwhelming amount of mail that is received, it is impossible to print it all so we created the "Find Your Name In Print" page so that you know we received your letter or fan art: This month they are:

Rachel Hajducko, Chester Martin (age 11), Mark-Horrum, Melissa Horn, Joe Harris (age 9 1/2), Kim Esham, Joseph Deloatch (age 8), Micah Shenk (age 8), Julius Aguisanda (age 12), Jordan Small (age 9), John Vierbickas (age 11), Cham Zhao (age 10), Doug Reeves (age 10), Corey Ahnangnatoguk, Chris Barthel (age 9), Bryant Wickle (age 11), Edward Rowe Jr. (age 12), Josh Howlett (age 10), Ronald Christian (age 11), Buddy Maxner (age 11), Garrett Shumilinski (age 12), Klye Miller, Ali Shular (age 13), Sam Lytal, Brandon Ford, Frank "Sonic-Boy" Castaneda, Maryann Rosales, Alliyae Weyn, Michael "Buxxy The Fox" Sautter (age 10), Elisabeth Webster (age 7 1/2), Will Ferguson (age 10), Allen Vote, Rachel Hajducko (age 12), Joel Glover, Josiah Oliver, Mike Hammond (age 8), John "Stoffolees" Hocker, Giovanni Camacho (age 9), Jennifer McCage, Isaac Frasier, Jacob Mowery (age 9), Brad Boone (age 8), Jory Wangerin, Nyssa Irish, Chris Obermiller (age 9), Ryan Chouanard (age 9), Kenneth Sandlin, Kim Bratton, Vic Davis (age 14), Raphyel Jordan, Kurtis Klinger, Omar Vergara, Chris Lermond "The Animal" (age 14), Tony, Dana Poulsen (age 13), Greigo Lott, Lauren Dow (age 7), Marissa Andersen (age 8), Axel Steenbury (age 9), Elizabeth Long (age 8), Lydia, Darren Curry (age 12), Kyle Seeley, Holland Kums, Jessica Fuller (age 10), Joseph "SupaSwift" Malbrough, Nicole Hubbell, Reginald Gilliam (age 11), Slammert Hedgehog, Shawn Bryant (age 12), Kendra "Joey Staar" Brown (age 13 1/2), Chris Cortes, Curtis Jackson, Joseph Walters, Rene Garcia (age 8), Joe Rubino (age 10), Jamie Mackey (age 8), Tia Wheeler, Kim Bratton, Eric Horton (age 10), John Michael Soza, Jerry Munn (age 13), Patrick Houston (age 8), Roodly Jules (age 12), Tyler Mangus (age 10), Alliyah Weyn, Gabriel Miller (age 10), Valerie "Launch" (age 15), Neal Heatherly, Danielle Hardy (age 18), Caleb Bouiware, Corrie Steffensen, Michael Gajdos, Jonathon Kelsch (age 10), Brandon Ford, Rachel Hojducko, D J Laughlin, Curtis Jackson (age 13), Brian Walmer (age 19 1/2), Jessica "Bunny" Reis (age 15), Walter Nittler Flores (age 10), Brandon Ozuna (age 14), Nathan Strack (age 7), Kurt Klinger, Matt Kleckler (age 6), Michelle Carter (age 13), Matthew Bakerzak, Jayson Showalter, Paul Eilers (age 9), Whitney Hyde (age 11), John Rojas (age 5), Doug Holmes, Michael Delaney, Brendan Chase (age 6), Mike Andrade (age 9), Patrick A. Maloney (age 9), Richard Drezen, Debra Stonaker (age 10), Malcolm Evans (age 9), Elliott Gardner, Sarah Collins, Anthony Falcone (age 13), Nathan Goodman (age 8), Stephen Lee (age 8), Drew Schoenberger, Ben Pettit, Adriel Johnson, Jackie Neudor (age 8), Nicholas Gipson (age 6), Jacqueline Pool, Nick Cooper, Brian Gillette, Ben Manners (age 8), Donnie Shrode (age 9), Rafael Silva Cruz (age 10), Christopher Irvin, Slice Kane, Justin Gehrts, Troy Pfeifer, Joshua Rhoads (age 12), Calen Gayle, Ryan Roach, David Safran (age 8), Gregory King, Sophia "USAGL" Chester, Joshua Lamson (age 7), Justin Kuykendall (age 9), Ashton Garibaldi (age 9), Matthew Carpenter, Christina Wood (age 9)

**From Canada:** Ben Stewart, Adam McCallum, Sean O'Brien (age 9), Brianna McAuley (age 12), Amy Kisaka, Justin Longmuir (age 9), Mark Campbell, Sam Smith (age 12), Ronald Mears, Derek Greke,

**From Saipan:** Joan Ashley Liwanag (age 9).

**From Jordan:** Zayd Al Aabidi.

**From Jamaica:** Kathryn Wheeler (age 15).

**From Saudi Arabia:** Andre Martinez (age 8).

**From Australia:** Duncan Rabone (age 12).





